

SIN COMPARED TO GOD'S DESIGN FOR LIFE

Sin is the condition of living a self-fulfilled life instead of a God-fulfilled life according to God's design. God's design for life is for a person to live in the condition of submission, dependence, and divine control. God knows what is best for every person's fulfillment in life. God knows your potential for creativity and relationship under Spirit control. God can empower you for bearing the most glorious Spirit led fruit. Romans 6:11-23

A God-fulfilled life in the Bible is living according to God's will and purpose, rather than by worldly standards of success, wealth, or fame. It is a life of abiding in Christ, finding deep joy and contentment in Him, and fulfilling one's divine calling to bear spiritual fruit.

The consequences of living the self-fulfilled life of sin is death. All self-fulfillment outside of God's design leads to death. Life outside of God's design always leads to broken relationships, selfishness, fear, distrust, corruption, greed, and enmity with God. Jesus said, "Without Me you can do nothing." That "nothing" is anything of immediate or eternal value. John 15:1-27

God describes the heart of man to be the very center of your individuality. The heart of man needs to be filled producing character. So God calls out to every person to seek Him with all your heart. Love God with all your heart. Your heart needs to trust God resulting in life with God as your source for life and truth. John 16:1-15

In the Bible, "the flesh" is the living of life in self-reliance instead of God-reliance. To crucify the flesh is to live in God-reliance. "In the flesh" is to live a life apart from God and that is sin. Dying to sin is dying to "the flesh". Buried with Christ in the baptism of death we are raised by the glorious power of the Father, so we may live habitually in the newness of life. Romans 6:4